

better off now setting into motion the way to remedy that, and we are going to have to pay for it one way or the other whether it comes in one fell swoop from a court decision or whether in fact we recognize the difficulties and we phase it in and work it in in a reasonable appropriational process. I think that has always been the reason why LB 700 is a good proposal and it has always been the reason why we need to as a Legislature try to do something now to head off what could be very injurious to the state and that is a court case that could be very detrimental. But the real issue here, Senator Beutler, the real issue that you pose is the issue of whether or not there should be one, not two, labor representatives. Your first amendment struck one of them. There was originally proposed to have two representatives from labor unions, and it originally struck one. Now I argued before when you struck the individuals from the Women's Commission that if the study is to be accepted, if it is to be respected, if it is to be understood and if it is to be utilized in any negotiated, worked out sort of arrangement, there should be inclusion of the people on that committee including enough people from various points of view to ensure that they feel the process has been a decent one, that the process has, in fact, served us as it should have. And for that reason, Senator Beutler, I rise to oppose your amendment. It is better to have people inside who have assurances that the process is a good one, that it has worked well, that it is going to serve everybody's interest and to avoid the whole question of a court case, that is what we are trying to do with 700 and that is why your proposal is not a good proposal to strike the one remaining representative that would be there for a labor union that is going to be affected. It is important that we have representation so that they are assured that the process was followed, was clean, was done correctly. I urge this Legislature not to be shortsighted. If you don't like LB 700, if you think we can abrogate or shirk our responsibilities, then you should kill 700 and see if, in fact, the fear of the lawsuit is a legitimate one.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR NEWELL: But if you want the process to work, we